



CLASSIC SERVICE

NOVEMBER 23, 2022 • 7:00 PM • THANKSGIVING EVE

Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather The Day of Thanksgiving provides us a special time to pause, reflect, and give thanks to God for His countless blessings in our lives. From our early years, we have likely been told: "Count your blessings!" Can you do that today? As you think about the ways the Lord has blessed you in both body and soul, can you ever count them all? No way! God's blessings are way too numerous! Nevertheless, as we name our blessings and number them, we pause at each one to say, "Thank You, Lord!" Even when we go through difficult and trying times—and perhaps *especially* when we go through difficult and trying times—it is vitally important for us to learn from the Word of God and, echoing what is recorded in its sacred pages, respond to the Lord in gratitude and worship. In today's Epistle, we will see how Paul was taught by times of hardship how he could be content. Paul's awareness of God's ever-faithful provision led him to "abound" in thanksgiving! May we do the same today, abounding in thanksgiving to the God who "will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19)!

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN

785 We Praise You, O God



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to listen to God's Word, call upon Him in thanksgiving and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at His very own Table, let us first consider our unworthiness to be invited to the feast of our Savior and confess before Him our sins of thought, word, and deed. Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we turn to our gracious Lord for His pardon and peace, seeking His grace and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

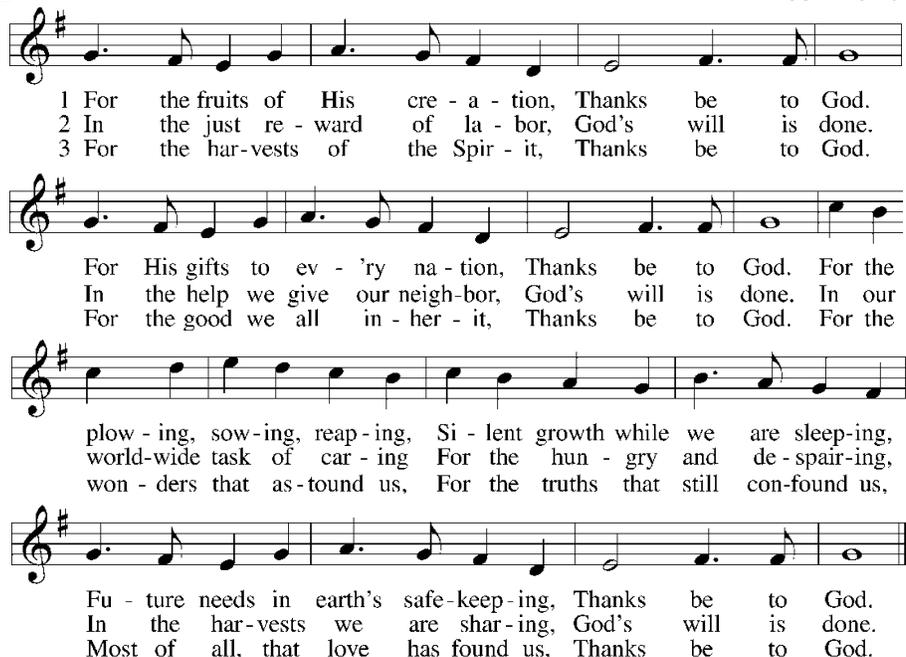
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen! Thanks be to God!

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

894 For the Fruits of His Creation



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may receive Your goodness, abound in thanksgiving, and share Your blessings all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

(Remember the Lord your God.)

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,
 With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
 The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.
 By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,
 Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
 He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
 And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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EPISTLE

Philippians 4:6-20

(God supplies our needs, and we abound in thanksgiving.)

⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound.

EPISTLE (cont.)

In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Psalm 136:1

P Alleluia. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

(One of the healed lepers returns to give thanks to Jesus.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated

MESSAGE HYMN

789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise
liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

MESSAGE

Please Stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Hear our prayer,

C we abound in thanksgiving to You, O Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. With grateful hearts abounding in thanksgiving, we praise You, O Lord, for the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who died upon Calvary's cross to destroy the power of our sin and open for us the way to everlasting life. Now that He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity, we lift our hearts before You in humble gratitude and never-ending praise. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

HYMN

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Give thanks to the Lord for He is good!

C And His mercies endure forever! Amen!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26–28; Mk. 14:22–24; Lk. 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (see pew hymnals)

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come," LSB 892

"Before You, Lord We Bow," LSB 966

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty Father, everlasting God, that You have freely given to us the blessing of Your Son's body and blood. As we go forth from Your Table to share in Your many blessings in our own homes and on our own tables, help us to abound in thanksgiving and love all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:19-20; Numbers 6:24-26

P And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

C **To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

775 Be Present at Our Table, Lord

Be pres - ent at our ta - ble, Lord; Be here and
 ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and
 grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, giving thanks to God...

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...

Pastor Rev. John Mitchell

Organist Carol Trumbo

Children's Message Chris Graves

Elder Bob Remmele



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